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**REMARKS**

Telephone conversations between Examiner Nguyen and Dennis Smid (one of the applicant's undersigned attorneys) were held on November 22 and 23, 2004. The Applicant and Mr. Smid wish to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration for such conferences.

Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 15-20 are in this application.

In the Amendment mailed on February 20, 2004, a new Supplemental Declaration was submitted. As indicated in the February 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment, such Declaration was submitted unsigned. And, as further indicated in the February 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment, upon being notified that such Declaration was acceptable, a signed copy thereof would be forwarded to the Examiner.

During the November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> telephone conversations, the Examiner stated that the Declaration submitted with the February 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment is acceptable. Furthermore, during such conversations, the Examiner requested that a signed copy of this Declaration be faxed to Examiner. Accordingly, accompanying this Supplemental Amendment is a copy of the Supplemental Declaration which has been executed by the inventor.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early official notice to that effect is solicited.

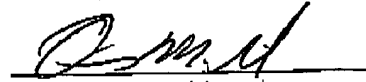
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